

■ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION■

Monday, October 5, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer*
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner
C. Hime – Youth Commissioner*
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*
L. Kristofer – Youth Commissioner, Secretary*
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair*
D. Saylor – Youth Commissioner*
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner*
M. Weick – Youth Commissioner*
C. Wiese – Youth Commissioner*

J. Burden, STC PD*
E. Mahan, STC PD
J. Keegan, Chief of Police
R. Rogina, Mayor
STC Aldermen
M. Koenen, City Administrator
J. Bruggeman, STC Park District*
N. Chaney, STC Library*
J. O’Neal, TriCity
P. Palagi, D303*

***Attended meeting**

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:09 p.m.
- II. Secretary’s Report
 - A. Approval of the minutes from the September 2020 meeting – Commissioner Stock motioned, seconded by Commissioner Saylor. Motion carried unanimously
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Donna Clavelli
 - A. Balance is \$15,000.
- IV. Correspondence
 - A. The Youth Commission received a thank-you card from the St. Charles East Science Olympiad Team.
- V. Presentations
 - A. Tricia Sabathne – D303 Early Childhood Program
 - i. Tricia outlined the early childhood partnerships D303 enjoys with many individuals and organizations in the community.
 - ii. Early Childhood in person learning is going well for those students who attend daily.
 - iii. The Youth Commission can assist with building relationships and community connections by sharing Tricia’s contact information with other individuals who can provide insight and/or resources that contribute to the goals of the Early Childhood program in the district and also the Leadership team that Tricia participates in.
 - iv. It would be helpful to have a member of the Youth Commission sit in on the Early Childhood Leadership meetings.
- VI. Reports
 - A. Liaison Reports
 - i. D303 – Patti Palagi
 - a. High school students will be going to a hybrid model later this month to accommodate part-time, in person learning.
 - b. The district has been moving forward steadily without many setbacks.
 - c. Parent University programming is back. There is a new book study, some tech related sessions are scheduled, and some events have been rescheduled from last spring.

ii. Park District – Jennifer Bruggeman

- a. Numbers are down, but the Teen Center is still reaching many students in our community through minimal in-person and also virtual programming options.
- b. The Park District has worked hard to offer options with low enrollment numbers to allow for social distancing.
- c. The before and after school programs are available but enrollment is much lower.
- d. There is a trick-or-treat event that has over 600 children signed up. A funding request for this will be on next month's agenda.

iii. Police Department – Jim Burden

- a. Things have been relatively quiet with only a few minor offenses.

iv. Library Programs – Nick Chaney

- a. Working around the construction and pandemic has been challenging, but the library is officially moved in to Haines for the duration of the renovation process.
- b. Visitors are welcome by appointment only. Two families are allowed per hour in the facility to meet social distancing requirements.
- c. Programming has been mostly online with a couple of in person options being offered. There was an anime group facilitated by the library that met at the STC Teen Center. These community partnerships have been very helpful.
- d. The youth services librarians have been great at uploading fun and short videos to the library's YouTube account to keep families engaged.
- e. All D303 students are now eligible to receive library cards. This is not extended to families, but any current student can apply for a card at no cost.

v. TriCity Family Services – absent

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report

- i. Commissioner Wiese is working with Lisa Garhan on a piece for the upcoming city newsletter.
- ii. Social media posts will also go out sharing the Youth Commission message.

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

- i. We have two new student consultants for a total of four. Molly Denz and Jefferson Dietrich are returning sophomores. Mckayla Mitchell and Roszella Sroufek are both new student consultants. Mckayla is a sophomore and Roszella is in 7th grade.
- ii. Commissioners Clavelli and Kristofer met with this group in person to discuss how life has been going throughout the pandemic.
- iii. There are many new stress factors and concerns related to remote learning and also within families as a result of the pandemic.
- iv. Some students who prefer independent learning seem to handle remote learning better than others.
- v. The youth consultant group will meet again at the end of October.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion of Community Parent Education Initiative

- i. Commissioner Clavelli volunteered to be a Youth Commission liaison to this Early Childhood group.

B. Update on Display Windows

- i. Commissioner Weick will reach out to the city to try to secure a date. Our student consultants are willing to help as needed.

C. Ongoing marketing – None

D. Impact Award

- i. Commissioner Kelly suggested it would be best to wait to honor these individuals in person when this becomes a possibility. We have many amazing young people in our community and all commissioners are encouraged to identify and nominate anyone who is worthy of receiving the Youth Impact award.

VIII. **New Business**

A. Funding Requests

- i. STC L.E.A.R.N – this request was reconsidered with additional information provided by the organization. Commissioner Wiese made a motion to approve the full amount requested, which is \$4,000. Commissioner Clavelli seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. **Announcements**

- A. Chairperson Muenz asked all commissioners to consider their comfort level with an in-person meeting November. There is no pressure for anyone to agree to this, as meeting via zoom is still a feasible option.

X. **Public Comment** – none

XI. **Adjournment**

- A. Commissioner Weick made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.; Commissioner Saylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner